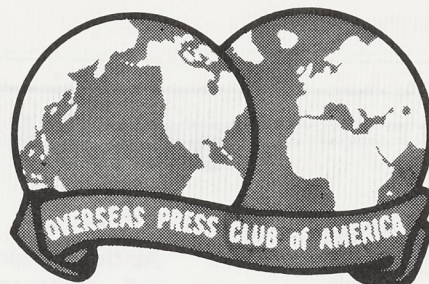


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Club on sound fiscal footing; New Governors elected; OPC annual meeting highlights

Election results and the announcement that the Overseas Press Club was moving on a sound fiscal basis were among the highlights at the semi-annual meeting of the Overseas Press Club.

Both **Matt Bassity**, OPC president, and **Anita Diamant Berke**, treasurer, voiced pride at "the way things were going" financially. They stressed that the club is paying off its substantial outstanding debt by a thousand dollars a month and that the creditors were pleased that monies were being paid to them.

Actually, the club's net income for the 11 months ending March, 1977, was \$15,721.36, said treasurer Berke in her financial report.

Election Results

Before the election results were announced, however, it was reported

that there were two ties, and those present at the meeting at the club cast a secret ballot to choose the winner.

For Associate Governor, **George E. Burns** and **Gloria Zukerman** were tied. Burns was the winner. Zukerman and **Grace Shaw** will be alternates.

For Active Governors, **Richard Dempewolff** and **Merrill O'Brien** were tied. Dempewolff won.

Elected active governors were:

John L. Scott, Ruth C. Biemiller, Arthur G. Milton, Lucy Jarvis, Leonard Saffir, James Wessel and Robert E. Sheridan.

Elected Active Alternates to the Board of Governors were **Albert E. Kaff, Thomas J. Kraner, James Hanchett and Richard Dempewolff.**

Gloria Watson was chairwoman of the Elections Committee.

—Ben G. Frank

Korean press honored by Munsan memorial

Copper and brass, it stands 30-feet high, well within artillery range of the North Korean Front lines, an olive green memorial on which are depicted a quill and scroll of teletype paper. On the scroll is transcribed in raised brass letters: "Monument to war correspondents killed in the Korean War."

The memorial lists the names of the 18 journalists from five countries who lost their lives while reporting on the Korean War (1950-1953). It was unveiled at Munsan, South Korea, April 26. The correspondents killed included 10 Americans, 4 British, 2 French, one Filipino and one Korean.

Former UPI Vice President **Earnest Hoberecht** was among the Korean and dignitaries attending the unveiling. During the ceremony, he recalled the journalists who had perished while covering the United Nations' action in Korea.

"It hurts us to remember their deaths. But it soothes to remember them as friends, professional associates and men whose courage surpassed their luck," he said.

"They died in honor, dedicated to knowledge and the free flow of information around the world so that men and women everywhere can have the facts and make up their own minds."

ED CUNNINGHAM NIGHT



More than 200 Club members and other friends gathered May 6 for **Ed Cunningham Appreciation Night**. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$1,000 credit to Ed for a trip to Ireland. Shown here are (l. to r.) **James Wissel, Ralph Martin, Elmer Lower and Ed Cunningham.**

SHOP TALK
Tuesday, June 21st — 5:30 p.m.

A PRESS ATTACHE
TAKES A HARD LOOK
AT NEWS COVERAGE OF ISRAEL

AZARIA RAPOPORT
Press Officer of the Government
of Israel

Governors approve four-year phase-in toward equal dues

At its May 9 meeting, the Board of Governors discussed and approved most of the recommendations of the Membership Committee for a four-year plan to erase the present two-tier dues structure between Active and Associate members plus moves to put the Club's finances on a more sound fiscal basis.

Co-Chairmen **Russ Tornabene** and **Harry Rand** had planned a program designed to minimize the impact of certain dues increases through gradual increments during the dues year of Oct. 1, 1977-Sept. 30, 1978 and Oct. 1, 1980-Sept. 30, 1981.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the Membership Committee has been responsible for the addition of more than 300 new members during the last 12 months. At the same time, and following the dictates of the Constitution, the Club's roles have been cleaned of all delinquent members. As a result, membership now has stabilized at almost 1,600 members and as of March 31, for the first time since 39th Street days, the Club no longer carried a single delinquent member.

In addition, the Treasurer's report presented at the Annual Meeting showed that in contrast to a deficit a year ago of \$22.55, the past year's operation showed a profit of \$15,721.36, despite the fact that we paid \$1,000 a month toward our outstanding debts.

The Board of Governors directed that the following changes become effective with the October 1 dues billing.

1. Dues for the 126 Active resident members who now pay \$75 a year will

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PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA SLUG IT OUT AT ON-GOING HEADLINER JOURNALISM SERIES

Whose electronic ox wasn't gored?

When *New York News* Metropolitan editor **Dick Oliver** told a recent "Shop Talk" audience that "broadcast journalism should get out and dig for news," he pressed The Red Button. **Larry Stessin** and **Gloria Zukerman**, who co-chair the "Shop Talk" committee, report a fusillade of requests calling for equal time.

Flaunting the banner of "A Candid, Critical View of Newspapers," NBC-TV's "Newscenter 4" producer **Jim Ryan** and Cleveland's mayor-turned-newscaster **Carl Stokes** plan the first of what promises to be a series of rebuttals for Tuesday, June 7. And to rebut the rebuttal will be **Mitchel Levitas**, editor of the Sunday *New York Times* "Week in Review," on Wednesday, June 15. What started as a series on the New York City revolution in journalism, has turned into a civil war.

Heading NBC's salt and pepper seasoning will be an accomplished journalist with more than his fair share of newspaper coverage and credentials. **Ryan** was formerly night city editor of the Associated Press and assistant city editor of the *Daily News*. He has covered, or directed, New York news coverage for over 17 years and has a wall full of citations that include three Page One Awards.

'Fishbait' Miller slated for June 23 Book Night

"I seldom had a dull moment," is how William "Fishbait" Miller sums up 28 years as Democratic Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. In addition to being the man who intoned, "Mistah, Speakah, the President of the United States," Miller supervised several hundred people, ran errands, kept secrets and made more than a few friends — and enemies — on Capitol Hill.

Fishbait: The Memoirs of the Congressional Doorkeeper tells some of those secrets, vividly describing the "boozing and floozing" of some of the most influential people in America. Sources include Congressmen themselves, their wives, their secretaries and even their call girls.

Miller will discuss his book, which he co-authored with **Frances Spats Leighton**, at a book night at the OPC on June 23, 5:30 p.m.

Kathleen McLaughlin to have special night

Over the years, **Kathleen McLaughlin** has worked unstintingly — often behind the scenes, and unsung — for the Club. Vice President and Governor Emeritus, long-time Admissions Chairman and perennial Annual Awards Committee-person, she has ever contributed strength, wisdom, and vision to vital OPC activities.

The Club will be saying "thank you to Kathleen on Wednesday, June 22, at a special Evening with Kathleen McLaughlin. Her many OPC friends will be joined on this occasion by McLaughlin fans from the Newswomen's Club of New York, where she has also been a mainstay, and by colleagues from *The New York Times*, where she was a reporter and foreign correspondent for thirty years.

—Ruth Biemiller

Reporter **Stokes** is a specialist in urban affairs. He joined WNBC-TV News in May, 1972, as an anchorman for the "Sixth Hour News"; since then he has given a creditable accounting of himself and received good marks especially for his reports on the problems of the inner city.

With a dash of editorial **Tobasco** on his tongue, **Mike Levitas** will enter the fray brandishing his Brooklyn College and Harvard Neiman Fellowship credentials. Formerly a reporter for the Voice of America, the *New York Post* (where he won a George Polk Award investigating local labor unions), and *Time* magazine, he joined the *Times*' Sunday Department in 1965 as an editor and writer. He was named Metropolitan Editor in April of last year and promoted to the editor of the Sunday "Week in Review" last month. He is also author of *America in Crisis*.

It's going to be a long, hot summer — and that is not a weather prediction.

—Chas. Schreiber

NEW MEMBERS

Active Resident

**Millicent Brower
David Oestreicher
Pamela Cathlyn Jones**

Active Non-Resident

Helen Paltis Silver

Active Overseas

**James Bennett, Hong Kong
F. Jerry King, Lebanon**

Associate Resident

Mike Slosberg

Associate Non-Resident

**Anne Bridge Danenberg
Christopher Janus**

CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 7, 5:30 p.m. — Talking Shop With . . . **Jim Ryan**, Executive Producer, and **Carl Stokes** — News Center 4, WNBC-TV. Subject: "A Candid and Critical View of the New York Press."

Thursday, June 9, 5:30 p.m. — Headliners Evening. Guest: **Carlos Romero Barcelo**, the new Governor of Puerto Rico. Subject: "New Solutions for Puerto Rico."

Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. — Talking Shop With . . . **Mitchel Levitas**, newly appointed Editor, the *Sunday News of the Week in Review*, and former Metropolitan Editor, *The New York Times*. Subject: "The Revolution in New York Journalism."

Tuesday, June 21, 5:30 p.m. — Talking Shop With . . . **Azaria Rapoport**, Consul and Press Information Officer, The Government of Israel. Subject: "A Press Attache Takes a Hard Look at News Coverage of Israel."

Wednesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m. — At Home With . . . **Kathleen McLaughlin**.

Thursday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. — Book Night. Guest: **William "Fishbait" Miller**. Book: *Fishbait: The Memoirs of the Congressional Doorkeeper*.

RESERVATIONS: Please call **Mary Novick**, 687-2430. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution Committee

During its first year of life, the revised and rewritten OPC Constitution seemed to work well. No crises arose and no petitions for revisions or amendments were received from the membership.

Two possibilities of future revisions have been discussed informally. The first proposes setting up a "ladder" system by which candidates for the club's presidency serve as active vice presidents before becoming eligible for nomination. The second would reduce the number of classifications of membership. No action has been taken on either idea.

The Constitution Committee and other members of the Board of Governors have recently recognized the need to revise and rewrite the Club's by-laws. They have grown haphazardly over the years and need to be codified. Since this is a much more detailed and extensive job than the recent Constitutional revision, it is possible that a task force should be established especially to carry out this project in the next couple of years.

—J. Robert Moskin
Chairman

Exhibit Committee

Exhibits since Awards Entries April/May 1976 include —

May 1976, KOREA TODAY, photographs by K. Kenneth Paik, Kansas City Times & NY Times news.

June 1976, Photographs by Ruth Adelle Mysel, "PORTRAITS AND ANIMALS."

June — July 1976, VOGUE posters and covers (Herb Silverman, chairman).

October 1976, JAZZ, photographs by Helen Mandell.

November 1976, CHINA, photographs by Audrey Topping in conjunction with her talk on Larry Stessin & Gloria Zukerman's TALKING SHOP. September 1976, PANMUNJOM — photographs provided by Edward Hymoff.

September/October 1976, Ranan Lurie exhibit, Political Analyst and Cartoonist.

November/December 1976, AROUND NEW YORK, photographs by Barrett Gallagher.

December 1976/January 1977, PIN UPS OF THE THIRTIES, photographic exhibit by Harry Amdur.

January/February 1977, ARTISTS FOR AMNESTY, Art exhibit arranged by Herb Silverman.

February 1977, AFRICA, photographic exhibit supplied by Melvin Drimmer, American Forum for International Studies.

March 1977, Photographs by Henri Dauman.

April 1977, Photographic entries, OPC Awards.

May 1977, Margaret Bourke White photographs, "THE 1930s" loaned by Dean Henry Schulte, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University.

June 1977, photographs by Dave Forbert.

Co-chairmen — Barrett Gallagher & Charles Rotkin, photography; Herb Silverman, Art.

Headliners Luncheon

Committee

During the past year the Headliners Luncheon Committee had an active program which peaked during the political campaigns of last summer and fall. Here are some of the "headliners" who spoke at the luncheons: Sen. Ted Kennedy, Sen. Pat Moynihan, former Rep. Bella Absug, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, former Senator William Fulbright and Gov. Edmund Brown of California.

Other luncheon speakers included: The Lord Mayor of Belfast, the Chief

Justice of Israel's Supreme Court, the U.S. representative of Rhodesia, and the head of the company that built the Alaska pipeline.

During the period the program was altered to permit Headliners Evenings to offer exposure for leaders in special fields and disciplines.

—David Anderson
Chairman

International Happenings

Committee

The first seven events of the International Happenings Committee have generated a gross income of \$1,484.78. Since expenses were only \$245.83 the profit to the OPC amounts to \$1,239.95.

In the past there has been some misunderstanding among members about the charges for each event. None of the amount charged for individual events is used to underwrite the expenses of the countries involved — this is why the International Happenings Committee has been able to generate so much income for the Club.

The events and the profit they made are:

New Zealand			
Waitangi Day	2-4 -77	\$125.60	
Caribbean Carnival	2-22-77	218.00	
USSR Special	3-3 -77	521.20	
Japanese Spring Festival	3-22-77	137.10	
Pan American Day	4-14-77	36.73	
Italian Festa	4-28-77	68.15	
Romanian Night	5-12-77	378.00	
		\$1,484.78	

—Sylvia Schur
Chairman

Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee corresponds with OPC regional chairmen and other press clubs at home and abroad in an effort to promote the OPC around the world.

During the past year, the committee exchanged letters with other clubs and OPC members in Tokyo, Singapore, London, Canberra, Buenos Aires, Bonn, Washington, Palm Springs, Providence, Philadelphia, Omaha, Boston, Columbus, Miami, Reno and Pittsburgh.

Reciprocal relations were established with the National Press Club of Canberra and the Reno Press Club, giving us 29 press clubs with reciprocity in the United States and 24 abroad.

Henry Hartzenbusch, AP Bonn, was appointed regional chairman in Europe, and he's become a regular contributor to the OPC Bulletin; Enrique Rojas-Vela, retired UPI correspondent, was tapped for Bulletin Items from Buenos Aires.

The Liaison Committee has found little interest in organizing OPC chapters outside New York. Our out-of-town and overseas members seem too widely scattered (geographically and occupationally) to form viable meeting units.

But the committee attempts to generate interest in recruiting new members, writing for the Bulletin and making the OPC more meaningful to our members across the land and around the globe.

—Al Kaff
Chairman

Membership Committee

The membership committee is ending one of its busiest and most productive years in the recent history of the Club.

The total number of club members has stabilized at nearly 1,600, about where it's been for four years. About 900 are active, 600 are associate and the remainder are affiliate, past president or honorary membership.

The committee established a new business plan for billing, dues notification, dues collection and rolls updating. As of March 1, 1977, there were no delinquent members on the OPC rolls, for the first time in many years.

The New Members Drive, started with a special brochure and mailing in April, 1976, is ongoing and has brought more than 300 new journalists into the Club.

Major membership requirements and dues structure changes were drawn up by the committee and proposed to the Board which approved it on May 9. These changes, over a four-year period, will equitably adjust dues and membership categories.

—Harry Rand and Russ Tornabene
Co-chairmen

Overseas Jazz Club

Having just written several thousand words re the Overseas Jazz Club to substantiate an application for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, I'm pooped out on the subject.

Culturally speaking, the OJC is a smash success in the jazz world and is entering its eighth year of twilight concerts. However, as our OPC President says, "Okay, but you haven't made a bean for the Club." We have, though, made a couple beans for the OPC Foundation. My unreliable estimate is in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Hopefully, we are able to continue these benefit concerts and hopefully, too, the Foundation will return a token to the Club to support its highly popular jazz series which consistently makes bar money like no tomorrow apart from its cultural prestige. Granted this goes to the Biltmore but I understand this, too, is an important factor to maintain our relationship with the hotel.

If I may quote in part from my NEA copy: "It is appropriate that the Overseas Press Club of America and its sister organization, the OPC Foundation, support the international language of jazz. There is validity in the 1958 New Yorker cartoon and its caption: 'This is a diplomatic mission of the utmost delicacy. The question is, who's the best man for it — John Foster Dulles or Satchmo?'"

Should the fates be kind and we receive funding, OJC has the potential to match financially Sylvia Schur's delightful and highly successful, "International Happenings."

There is another area where OJC looks forward to picking up a couple clams. Jazz research. During our more than seven-year run, we have built up considerable reference information on foremost jazz artists. We have received \$150 from the University of Wyoming for our assistance in jazz research and netted \$50 from the State Dept. on a project. We have been giving research away like crazy but now if they want to pick our files we'll sell it or sit on it.

I need to acknowledge with grateful thanks the dedication and assistance from OJC committee members: Ruth and Rey Biemiller, Jerry Bissell, George Burns, Fred Fukuchi, Warren Goodman, Jane Jarvis, Helen Mandel, Sol Zatt. And, especially, too, our Honorary OJC officials: Earl "Fatha" Hines, President; Maxine Sullivan, Co-President; Sam Wooding, Vice President; Joseph Slocum, Secretary and the Rev. John Garcia Gensel, Pastor to the Jazz Community. And, above and beyond all, Jimmy Menditto and Mary Novick — without their cooperation and patience we could not survive.

—Wilma Dobie
Jazz Chairman

OPC Auction garners

\$5,000 for Foundation

The OPC Foundation's coffers are now nearly \$5,000 fuller thanks to proceeds from the club's first auction of journalistic memorabilia held at the Time Life Building, May 5.

Bidders chose from a wide assortment of lots ranging from Ernest Hemingway's handwritten sketch of a story to a bullet found at Normandy during WW II by William Randolph Hearst.

Auctioneer John L. Marion, assisted by Thomas E. Norton, respective president and executive vice president of Sotheby Parke Bernet, Inc., found new owners for newspapers, magazines, autographed books, prints, cartoons, photographs, letters, original paintings and drawings.

In addition to items sold at auction, the club sponsored a boutique of things with fixed prices, among them reproductions of Vogue covers, a facsimile of the front page of a China newspaper, a Picasso print and a moon dress in a print designed to look like a thin slice of moon rock magnified over 100 times.

But it's not too late to make a purchase. There are still some items left including New York Times science editor Walter Sullivan's bright red polar suit worn on various Antarctic expeditions, a lead sheet from the CBS Evening News Broadcast of March 17, 1977, autographed by Walter Cronkite, a framed caricature from the Columbia Encyclopedia by Frank Leslie and a number of Edward R. Murrow record albums.

What will be done with the remaining acquisitions will probably be decided at the annual June 2 OPC luncheon, according to Art Milton, chairman of the Auction Committee. "We may decide to have a chance lottery of items at different events or hold a silent auction through letters to members, he speculated.

The auction and sale was organized by the Auction Committee, chaired by Milton and Jack Frummer, acquisitions chairman, Mary Hemingway and members: Anita Diamant Berke, Jerry Bissell, George Burns, Louis J. Calderoni, Wilma Dobie, Barrett Gallagher, Jack Galub, John Groth, Diana Kan, Thomas J. Kraner, Ralph Leviton, Grace Naismith, Harry Rand, Dr. Austin Smith, Russell J. Tornabene and Louis Weintraub.

—Rebecca Riger

Hustler Flynt says

he'll publish new mag.

Convicted Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt said he would publish a weekly national news magazine to compete with Time and Newsweek beginning next spring.

In informal remarks at the Overseas Press Club last night, Flynt also said he planned to publish an Ohio magazine, patterned after New York Magazine, in his home state, probably in September.

"I think people will pay for a news magazine that isn't afraid to publish the remarks of Earl Butz or say when Henry Ford built a bad car," he said.

He said he'd already registered the name of the new magazine: Rebel.

Flynt was asked how, since he's an entrepreneur and admits he can't produce the publications he promotes, he would get the talent to publish a news magazine.

"Money," he said. "I'm going to buy the best journalistic talent I can buy."

Flynt said he expected it would cost \$25 million to run Rebel till it starts paying its own way. "I already have my own distribution system, so I won't have that cost," he said.

Flynt is appealing an Ohio conviction — stemming from his publication of Hustler in a case that promises to become a major First Amendment legal issue.

"My magazines have 15 million

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EAT
AND DRINK
WITH US

From the Clubs

BONN — One of highlights in April was German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's appearance before Foreign Correspondents Association in Bonn. At a dinner attended by about 250 foreign correspondents, Schmidt talked about dissidence and President Carter's handling of the question and the economic summit in London in May... Mark Brayne, Reuters Correspondent in East Berlin, settling in after transfer from Moscow... Heard Gerry Long, Reuters General Manager, recuperating nicely at Travemuende on German Baltic coast after minor surgery... David Shears, *London Daily Telegraph*, off on another trip to East Germany... *LA Times*' Murray Seeger attended Aspen Institute seminar in Berlin on East-West relations... German TV's weekly foreign correspondents panel included Timothy Nater of *Newsweek* and David Binder, *NY Times* Washington based here formerly, airing their views and opinions about President Carter's first 100 days... CTK, the Czech news service, has sent Karel Cisar here to replace Svetoazar Simko who defected to the West in London recently... Darrell Delamaide has moved from Frankfurt to Bonn as successor to James Furlong, AP-Dow-Jones Correspondent transferred to New York... Sally Mero, from New York, moves into Darrell's job as AP-Dow-Jones Correspondent in Frankfurt... Gary Stindt, NBC's popular and enduring Director of News based in Berlin, was honored by West Berlin Mayor Klaus Schuetz at a glittering reception for Gary's 30 years as a newsman in Berlin. The buffet dinner, held at the exclusive Journalists Club on Kurfuerstendamm, was attended by scores of leading dignitaries and newsmen including Maj.Gen. Joseph McDonough, U.S. Commandant; Dr. Guenther Struve, city chief spokesman; Guenter Rosinus, PAO, U.S. Mission; Stanley Silbey, PIO, U.S. Command; Fritz Schroeder, Director of Lufthansa, and numerous top German news executives. The Mayor presented Gary with an elaborate album of Mozart's Magic Flute records... Harry Thoess, NBC news coordinator based in Berlin, on three-week assignment in Zaire... Joe Oexle and Heinrich Walling, NBC camera and sound men, covering developments in Beirut for five weeks... NBC sent Fred Briggs, Berlin Correspondent, and its camera-sound team of Peter and Klaus Dehmel on three-week stint to Uganda... At UNESCO-sponsored meeting on free flow of information in Florence, Italy, representatives of Western news agencies effectively rejected charges from Third World and Communist countries of distorting and manipulating news to Latin America. UPI was represented by Julius Humi, London-based Vice President, and AP by John Koehler, NY-based General Executive, and *Dennis Redmont*, Rome bureau chief... AP's Berlin Correspondent, Hubert Erb, moving to Washington this summer after 12-year tour. Stephen Miller, AP Business Editor in NY, coming here as successor to Erb...
—Henry Hartzzenbusch

WASHINGTON — Fay Gillis Wells, Storer Broadcasting White House correspondent, is adviser to the Board of International Women Air and Space Museum being created in Dayton, Ohio. Fay is a founding member of the 99ers, a veteran air women organization.

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Joe Laitin, who came to work for the Federal Government in 1963, has served under five presidents — Carter, Ford-Nixon and Johnson-Kennedy.

He will appear before the Senate Finance Committee soon, as he was nominated by President Carter to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs on March 31.

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Rep. Lester Wolff, D-N.Y., led a congressional team on a 10-day drug investigative tour of Tokyo, Seoul, Jakarta, Bangkok and Manila.

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To the Editor:

A proposal to increase dues of our overseas members was discussed at the annual meeting May 9.

Based in Asia, I was an expatriate member of the OPC for 15 years. The only Club benefit I received overseas, and the principal reason for my membership, was to keep track of friends and trends through the *OPC Bulletin*.

Overseas members rarely use Club facilities, which are financed almost entirely by dues. The Bulletin has been reduced in size and frequency of issue. But our far-flung members abroad are, to my mind, the OPC's *raison d'être*.

Several colleagues in Asia resigned from the OPC during the 60s and have not returned to the Club because they came to believe that the OPC functioned almost exclusively for the benefit of PR people in New York. Let's put "Overseas Press" back into the OPC and eschew taxation without representation of members abroad. The claim made at the general meeting that American newsmen earn a lot of money overseas is incorrect.

Sincerely, Al Kaff

To the Editor:

I haven't attended for many years an affair so glowing with love and admiration as the *Ed Cunningham* bar mitzvah. It was the kind of atmosphere Considine used to inspire. *Jim Wessel* and his committee can be proud.

Sincerely, Joe Dine

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

The 10th edition of Hudson's *Washington News Media Directory* has been distributed.

The 261-page directory lists 2,040 newspapers, radio-TV stations, magazines, newsletters based or represented in Washington, giving the names and assignments of 2,541 editors and correspondents, indexed in 90 categories.

Washington Journalism Review is seeking charter subscribers to the monthly publication supposed to start publication in September.

Publisher Roger Kranz says it will be devoted exclusively to coverage of the Washington news scene and will contain "inside" coverage of the personalities, the power plays, and the triumphs of the Washington Press Corps.

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President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter were among the 1,300 members and guests at the 63rd annual White House Correspondents Dinner at which the President spoke and awards were presented.

Award winners were: Scripps-Howard newspapers reporters Alan Horton and Carl West — \$1,000 Raymond Clapper Memorial Award; James Deakin, St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* — \$500 Merriman Smith award for presidential coverage; and the \$1,000 Worth Bingham prize for distinguished investigative reporting went to Morton Mintz, *Washington Post*.

The President spoke to the ambassadors, the Cabinet, senators, congressmen, reporters and guests. He ended his statement with "when I leave the White House, I'll say what I damn please!" He was referring to Vice President Mondale's criticism of former President Ford.

Cabinet officers present included Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Secretary of Housing Patricia Harris.

Among the OPC members present were Fred Archibald, Keyes Beach, John R. Botzum, James Cary, Leo Cherne, John Daly, Dixon Donnelly, Hedley Donovan, Clifford Evans, Clyde Farnsworth, Charles Foltz, Joseph Fromm, Angele de Gingras, Howard

Browne asks

To the Editor:

I notice that the May 1 Bulletin carries an advertisement for an OPC-sponsored "International Happening" at the Rumanian consulate.

Three weeks ago I was prevented by police at Bucharest Airport from entering Rumania. I had flown to that country partly because of reports that the Rumanian police had been jailing or "exiling" a number of human rights proponents, notably the novelist Paul Goma. The telephones of these persons had been disconnected, and their access to western diplomats had been effectively cut by police cordons around four western embassies (including the American Embassy) in Bucharest.

This kind of thing is going on throughout the Soviet bloc and Yugoslavia, on an increasing and horrifying scale.

While I have no position as to whether OPC members should or should not participate at social functions with representatives of such governments, I think the OPC (and readers of the Bulletin) should be aware that there is more in Rumania than "mitetei" and in the USSR than caviar and vodka.

Or has the OPC membership so changed that such matters as press freedom and human rights no longer much matter?

—Malcolm W. Browne
N.Y. Times Bureau Chief
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Bassity answers

In answer to the question in the final paragraph of the above letter I have decided to print here a piece that was written for and will appear in the upcoming issue of *Dateline*. It is a report of the activities during the last 12 months of the Freedom of the Press Committee of which I am chairman.

—Matt Bassity

The overwhelming defeat at the polls of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signaled the return of democratic government to India and the return of freedom of the press to the world's oldest and largest democracy. During the state of emergency which Mrs. Gandhi proclaimed in June, 1975, three major publications, *Seminar*, *Opinion* and *The Statesman* were closed and one dispatch reported that 7,000 journalists had been jailed.

The Indian government has revoked the passport of OPC member, *Shrikumar Boddar*, an Indian in permanent residence in the United States who had complained to the OPC that there was little or no interest in this country in the lack of democracy and freedom of the press in India. Accordingly, a panel discussion was arranged for August 17, 1976. Joining Poddar were Ravi Chopra, a doctoral student at Stevens Institute, and Dr. Homer A. Jack, secretary general of the World Conference on Religion and Peace at the U.N. and an expert on Indian affairs.

The OPC had provided a similar forum on May 18 for Christopher A. Nascimento, minister of state for Guyana, an openly Marxist state. Guyana had requested an opportunity to challenge certain press reports and the OPC agreed to the forum providing Nascimento would answer questions from the press.

Both *Time* magazine and the *New York Times* had printed articles stating that there were Cuban troops in Guyana and the *Times* had also reported that

Guyana "had promised Cuba it could use Guyana airfields to transport troops and supplies for Cuban forces in Africa."

Within a week of our forum the *New York Times* published a front page story (May 24), and another the following day, by Jonathan Kandell, reporting from Guyana. Both stories carried disclaimers. One said: "During the Angola civil war earlier this year, there were rumors published abroad that Guyana was being used as a staging base for Cuban troops en route to Africa, and that Cuba was training Guyanese units. But correspondents, who have been given unrestricted access to Georgetown and the hinterlands, have failed to substantiate these rumors, and it is impossible to find a diplomat, government official or opposition politician who would confirm these rumors."

On July 8, Julio Scherer Garcia was ousted as editor of *Excelsior*, Mexico's only liberal newspaper, along with 200 members of his staff, by a dissident minority group backed by the Mexican government. A strong protest was telegraphed to President Luis Echevirria Alvarez and a press conference was scheduled for Scherer for July 20. This was canceled when Scherer was forbidden by his government to leave the country. Subsequently, a request was received from the new editor to explain his position at the OPC. This was withdrawn when the OPC insisted that Scherer also be allowed to speak at the same meeting.

The OPC pursued with the Department of State and the House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia investigations into the fate of 21 journalists who are still missing there.

And when it became known that the CIA had employed journalists as undercover agents the OPC lodged objections with former Director George Bush. His office replied that: "Effective immediately, CIA will not enter into any paid or contractual relationship with any full-time or part-time news correspondents accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodical, radio or television network or station."

On May 27 a strenuous objection was sent to Ambassador Anatoly Dubrunin of the U.S.S.R. when Moscow claimed that George A. Krinsky of the Associated Press, Christopher S. Wren of the *New York Times* and Alfred Friendly Jr. of *Newsweek* were associated with the CIA.

This was followed by another protest when Krinsky was expelled from Moscow and with a similar protest to the Czechoslovakian ambassador when newsmen were harassed in that country. The OPC also protested the expulsion from Nigeria of John Darnton of the *New York Times*.

In order to expand these activities and to take part in combatting the efforts in UNESCO of the Soviet Union to restrict the flow of news within third world nations, the OPC joined the World Press Freedom Committee.

Over the memorial plaques in the Club headquarters is written: "These colleagues died serving a free press for a free world." The names are of news persons who died abroad. And the awards presented annually by the Overseas Press Club are for reportage abroad. For these reasons, I decided to honor posthumously with the President's Award a man who was murdered last June in Phoenix, Ariz., while pursuing his profession as a reporter and exemplifying Freedom of the Press in this country. Don Bolles was the son of a former member of the OPC, the late Donald C. Bolles. An account of his assassination will be published in *Dateline*.

Handleman, Jerry Hannifin, Frank Holeman, Tom Jerriel, Virginia Kelly, Joseph Laitin, Steve McCormick, Barrett McGurn, Eugene Methvin, Thomas Miles, Joseph Neuman, Thomas Ochiltree, Robert Pierpont, Hobard Rowan,

Don Channon, Garnett Stackelberg, Samuel Stavisky, Jessie Stearns, Marvin Stone, Stan Swinton, Esther Van Wagoner Tufty, Al Valencia, Sam Zagonia and Barry Zorthian.

—Jessie Stearns

Board meeting

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be increased by \$25 each year for four years so that by the period Oct. 1, 1980-Sept. 30, 1981 their dues will be \$175 a year, the same as some Active residents and all Associate members.

2. As in earlier years, resident members will be all those who live or work within a 50-mile radius of Columbus Circle. This will affect 55 Active non-resident members and 61 Associate non-resident members who now pay \$35 a year. With the dues period beginning October 1, their dues will be raised to \$75 and each succeeding year thereafter by \$25 until they will be paying the same dues of \$175 as everybody else.

3. Dues for members under 30 years of age, who are classified according to the Constitution as Associate members, will be: resident — \$75; non resident — \$35; overseas — \$30. (This does not prevent anyone under 30 who qualifies for Active membership from joining as an Active member.

4. In view of the increased cost of printing and mailing the *Bulletin*, dues for Overseas members will be raised from \$30 to \$35.

5. Dues for members billed as Associate Overseas will be raised from \$30 to \$35.

6. The initiation fee of \$25 will now apply to all applicants with the exception of Affiliates who pay \$100 initiation.

7. The procedure of permitting members to pay half their annual dues in October and half in April will be eliminated next fall. At that time the full amount of annual dues will be required with the understanding that, if some members have difficulty in making the full payment, the OPC Treasurer will review their cases on a one-to-one basis.

Dues of applicants must be paid in advance of their election to membership. Any member whose dues are in arrears shall be sent a first reminder on November 1st, a second reminder on December 1st and if dues have not been paid by December 31st the Board of Governors will terminate the individual's membership at the January meeting.

—Matt Bassity

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

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Romanian wines a hit at International Night

The elegantly beautiful new Romanian Consulate was the setting, on May 12, for an Evening in Romania. It was the last of the International Nights planned and brought together by *Sylvia Schurr* for the enjoyment of OPCers and their guests. Enjoy it, they surely did!

The evening was well attended and the food and wine were both lavish and delicious. Two large tables in two spacious rooms featured delicacies of Romania — sinca (a Romanian ham), several cheeses, and flaky pastries; hot dishes included a mouth-watering spiced sausage, sarmela (stuffed cabbage) and mamaliga, a cornmeal concoction which is the traditional dish of Romania.

As always, the wines were the main attraction. Romania's vineyards are in the same latitude, and enjoy the same climatic conditions, as those of France. The country's wine-making expertise dates back to the time when Romania was a province of the Roman Empire.

As the largest supplier of wines to Eastern Europe, Romania is now making its bid for a share of the vast American wine market. On this occasion, two reds were served — Premiat Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir, both from the Valea Calugareasca area. The white, Tarnov Castle, a riesling, is from the Tarnov River area. Monsieur Henri Wines, Ltd., is the importer and their spokesman, Larry Soll, said that these wines were generally available at most wine dealers for about \$2.00 a bottle. All compared favorably with their French counterparts.

Among the guests were the Romanian Ambassador to the U.S., Nicolae Nicolae, and the Romanian Ambassador to the UN, Mr. Dactou. Both addressed the large gathering briefly.

—Rosalind Moore

Blue Cross Blue Shield payments due in July

To many OPC members who cannot get group insurance coverage elsewhere, our Blue Cross/Blue Shield program plus the policies available through Mutual of Omaha represent an extremely valuable aspect of membership.

This insurance is provided as a service to members but the Club cannot afford to carry members who are either slow in making their payments or cannot afford the premiums. The current quarterly payment on Blue Cross/Blue Shield amounts to \$19,914.36. Of this, the amount outstanding is \$1,914.47.

As harsh as it may sound, the OPC must follow the policy of canceling those policies on which members fail to make payment within the normal time limit.

Furthermore, enrollment or re-instatement can only take place between July and September.

—Anita Diamant Berke
Treasurer

Flynt

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readers in 25 countries in four languages, and the only place I've been indicted, is in Ohio," he said.

Insisting pornography comes under First Amendment protection, Flynt said, "Tolerating things we don't like is one price of having a free press."

"Anybody who takes these magazines seriously has more problems than these magazines could cure," he said.

Under critical questioning, Flynt said:

"I hope I haven't given the impression that I know all the answers — or even that I know what I'm talking about. I've just got an eighth-grade education. The county I come from in Kentucky was ranked third in poverty in the country. If I'd stayed there, today I'd be plowing a field looking a mule in the ass. Instead, I'm a publisher, and you've asked me here, and I'm giving you my opinion."

—Geo. Burns

WHO, WHAT, WHERE

By GRACE NAISMITH

NEW LOOK: Ralph Leviton has been promoted to assistant director of corporate communications for Union Carbide Corporation. He will be responsible for media relations and public information. A former editor of Chemical Week, Ralph had been manager of press relations for Union Carbide.

PUBLISHING: Walter H. Diamond, principal, Hauser, O'Conner & Hyland, CPA firm, is co-author of two new books. One is "Tax-Free Trade Zones of the World," published by Matthew Bender & Co. and co-authored with Dorothy Diamond. The other is "Comparative State Income Tax Guide," published by Oceana Publications, Inc., co-authored with Charles F. Barrett... Arnold C. Brackman's "The Search for the Gold of Tutankhamen," published by Mason & Charter, has gone into a fourth printing, with a German house bringing out an edition and Hollywood picking up a film option... Ronald M. Stieglitz, The Padlock, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, Eng., has co-authored a book with Sandy Lesberg, titled "Saucy Lady." It details 70 sauces, Peebles Press Ltd. will bring out the book simultaneously in London and N.Y. in the autumn.

TRAVELING: Norman A. Schorr to Tokyo with the International Congress of Nurses, May 29-June 5. His wife, Thelma Schorr, editor of The American Journal of Nursing, will be covering the Congress for her magazine. Nurses from 100 countries — 6-8,000 — will be there... Charles B. Towill, who handles pr for BP Alaska, Inc., which is helping develop the Prudhoe Bay oil field, is just back from a month in Australia. He and his wife, Pamela, did the 60-hour train journey from Sydney to Perth, "a great introduction to the country."... Rohama Lee, editor and

publisher of Film News, has returned from the National Educational Film Festival in Oakland, Calif., where she assisted in presenting the awards and conducted a film-study workshop. She was an honor guest at the Annual Tournee of Animation Films in San Francisco, recognized for her 30 years in publishing educational film news... OPC members Fred Kemer, Toronto, Eleanor Rawson, Anita Berke and Grace Shaw are among the literary elite attending the American Booksellers Association meeting in San Francisco.

FYI: Irvin Taubkin, answered our query about "To the Point Magazine." A copy is in the OPC lounge. It is a news magazine, now a weekly, published in Johannesburg, Antwerp and the U.S., with its major interest on Africa, "somewhat to the left of the present government in South Africa," says Taubkin.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS: Take note: We have 187 active overseas members. Where is all the news about you? Jay Brennan is my best foreign correspondent, who responds to the Warren Goodman comment in last month's Bulletin about his fluent Japanese. Jay says he is capable of saying "Martini straito, onagaishimasu. Oribbu-to twist nashi-de."

Some OPC members abroad treasure the financial privileges of Blue Cross and Blue Shield protection and Mutual of Omaha group policies more than the Bulletin or the guest card to press clubs around the world.

CONTESTS: The American Cancer Society Media Awards for excellence in communications about cancer have been announced. Entry form available at American Cancer Society Media Awards, 40 West 57 Street... The American Academy of Pediatrics announces its three annual journalism awards — \$1,000 each for newspaper and magazine articles. Address: American Academy of Pediatrics, 1801 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill. 60204.

Obituaries

Byron B. Evans, former magazine editor and war correspondent, died April 27 at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He was 61.

After working on several publications in Pittsburgh, Evans served for a year in the infantry during World War II. He then spent 3½ years as a correspondent, taking part in several European invasions. He was the first war correspondent on the beach at Anzio.

Evans, who was a member of the Pittsburgh Press Club, is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Jay Byron; and a daughter, Jean.

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Photographer Dick Hanley, one of the most decorated combat photographers of World War II, died Saturday, May 7. He was 59.

Hanley, a resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., suffered a heart attack in midtown Manhattan early Saturday, while visiting in the city for a meeting with Crown Publishing who were printing a book of pictures depicting Thoreau's "Walden Pond."

During World War II, Hanley, a sergeant, was assigned to *Yank Magazine*, an official publication for U.S. troops serving overseas during the war. He covered every major landing made by Army forces in the Pacific. Among his decorations was the Legion of Merit, presented personally by General Douglas MacArthur, who cited Hanley's cool response to an Army public relations major who had inquired as to why no photographs were taken of infantry men storming a position from the front. Hanley, according to MacArthur, escorted the major to a forward position under mortar barrage, handed him a camera and said, "Major, it's all yours!"

As a free-lance photographer, Hanley contributed to many magazines and was chief photographer for *Holiday*. He also authored a book called *Money, Money, Money*, the only photographic exploration of Wall Street.

Hanley was born in Worcester, Mass. His sole survivor is a sister, Alice Hanley, also of Shrewsbury.

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